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Learner's Permit Tests Taken; 25 Pass

The first Learner's Permit tests to be given within the high school were administered to 27 eager students in the auditorium, December 2.

Mr. Pressy, Drivers' Education instructor, reported that 24 have passed.

The exam was administered in two divisions. The first group was given at 8:45 and lasted until 10:15, then the second group took the examination.

The test consisted of 25 questions taken from the Massachusetts Registry Motor-Vehicle Laws and an eye test which included a colorblind test. To attain a passing grade, 20 of 25 questions had to be answered correctly.

Students are reminded that Massachusetts law requires that all prospective drivers between 16–18 have a learner's permit. The next test will be given approximately next February, according to Mr. Pressy.

Library Offers Variety Of Christmas Reading

"Early Merry Christmas!"

Yes, the season is full of good cheer and best wishes. Everywhere you turn, you see silver bells, brightly colored lights, dark evergreens just begging to be trimmed, snow and tinsel flying everywhere, beautiful wax candles flickering softly, gaily wrapped packages, mistletoe and holly wreaths, and Santa Claus on every corner. These are all sure signs of Christmas, and everyone knows them well. Carolers spreading joy and cheer to all as they pass, reindeer prancing an snow-covered rooftops, and snowmen guarding every yard also add to the merriment of the season.

Yet beneath all the gift-giving and decorations, there is a deep and serious meaning. You have all heard this reminder many hundreds of times, and will no doubt hear it many more hundreds of times before we are gray; yet many times in the hustle and bustle of the season, our thoughts stray from the real meaning of Christ birthday.

Mrs. Holmes would like everyone to be aware of the fact that our library has a variety of books concerning Christmas. Some of these are *The Horizon History of Christianity; Carols for the Twelve Days of Christmas;* Van Dyke's *The Story of Other Wisemen* and *The Sad Shepherd;* Stevenson's *Christmas Sermon; Christmas Stories* by Dickens; *Christmas Book of Legends and Stories;* and some Christmas traditions in *All About American Holidays.*

Another holiday note from our library: If you are wondering what to give for a Christmas gift, why not give a book. You need not try to fight your way into a large department store to make your purchase, just direct your steps toward our own school library. There in the mobile book store, you will find a large selection of paperbacks covering subjects too numerous to mention, and all inexpensive, too. The book store will only remain open until Christmas, after which it will close and remain closed until the Book Fair during the spring. So don't delay.

And have a *very* merry Christmas.

Mr. Ronald Carroll (far left) announced the winners of the Agawam Junior Chamber of Commerce Ambulance Fund Drive at a recent assembly. Linda Van Heusen, Janice Nadok, and Ruth Harrington (left to right) are shown with Mr. Carroll.

Dear God

Dear God — you led us here
To help our fellow man
Now we ask you please
To show us how we can.

Once there was unity
Between these Holy lands
But men have lost their dignity
And weakened all your plans.

Dear God — please guide us
To carry through the years
The hopes and dreams of many,
Christened through veiled tears.

Let us not rejoice
With one-another's faults
But to give each other
The strength that brings results.

For this land is yours
And one day we must die
So that you may lead others
And they will have to try.

Pat Gaffney

Childhood Days?

The annual senior "Kid Party" was held on Saturday evening, December 5, in the high school cafeteria.

Dressed as children, the seniors "relived" their childhood. They romped in the cafeteria which was decorated like a nursery and visited "Santa Claus" (Joe Zucco), who handed gifts during the evening.

Heads of the various committees were Donna Gaunt and Russell Ramah, general chairmen; Maria Raschi, decorations; Linda Lloyd, entertainment; Judy Moore, refreshments, and Joanne Beauvais, publicity.

Russ Ramah (in rear) and Rusty Weber were on their way to the Kid Party when this picture was taken.

Linda Barufaldi, above, was announced as winner in a contest sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English.

Linda Barufaldi Scores Highest In National Test

Linda Barufaldi was rated the number one student of English in New England as a result of taking the National Association of English Teachers' test last spring. She was given recognition by Mr. Dacey in assembly.

Linda described the test as being made up of three parts, each of which had a one hour time limit. The first part of the test dealt with grammar, while the second involved rhetoric and relations. For the final segment Linda was given five subjects from which to choose a topic for a composition.

Linda might be described as a "Jack of all trades" and master of them all. It comes as no surprise that she should excel in any aspect of scholarship. She has been doing that all along, having been a straight-A-average student at Agawam High School for three years. In addition to her scholarship, she has been involved in many varied extra-curricular activities.

NEW DADS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sheehan on the birth of their first son and to Mr. Chrisanthopoulos on the birth of a baby daughter.

Eleanor H. Smith Honored at Honors Assembly; 23 Presented Society Pins

Miss Eleanor H. Smith, who was honored at the National Honors Assembly, November 24, was further honored when the Agawam chapter of the Society was renamed the Eleanor H. Smith Chapter.

Miss Smith who had served as advisor of the group prior to her retirement last year was honored at the assembly at which Mr. Dacey presented Society pins to 23 senior students.

Elizabeth Major sang "Do the Best You Can" accompanied by Mrs. Mary Wuesthoff.

Mr. Robert Doolan, Associate Register of the University of Massachusetts, addressed the assembly on "Motivation of Youth in Today's Complex World."

At the close of assembly, the Society held a brief coffee hour in the Home Economics room.

The officers of the Eleanor H. Smith Branch of the National Honor Society are as follows: William Clause, president; Louisa Zerra, vice-president; Judith Morrissey, treasurer; Joanne Beauvais, secretary.

To qualify for the Society, a student must have a scholastic average of 85 percent or better for his first three years of high school.

In addition to its officers and advisor the Society's membership includes:

John Balboni	Charles Guyotte
Linda Barufaldi	Janice Nadok
Cynthia Berkowiez	Steve Olivo
Maryanne Cecesini	Regina Shepard
Barbara Clark	Sandra Spagnoli
Margaret Cleary	Marcia Stewart
Andrew Ennaco	Zenon Stelmak
Donna Gaunt	Robert Swanson
Joyce Goodwin	James Theroux

Linda Van Heusen

Miss Durkan is advisor to the Society.

Juniors To Present Annual Cabaret

The Cabaret committee has announced that the theme of this year's dance will be "Silver Bells." It will held on December 19 with music provided by the Enchantments.

The purpose of this dance, a semi-formal, is to raise money for the Junior-Senior Prom. Any junior who wishes to attend must have paid his class dues. The price of tickets is two dollars per couple.

The decorations will be centered around three large bells suspended from the ceiling, with silver streamers adding to the effect.

Jane Stowell and David Giguere were elected co-chairmen by the Junior Class. The various committees and their chairmen include Bob Osolinski, decorations; Linda Macey, refreshments; Elaine Harris, tickets; Jean Mathieu, invitations; Randy McLean, publicity; and Dale Roberts, clean-up.

Mirror Members At Press Seminar

Americans are generally poorly informed, despite having excellent communication media at their disposal, said Owen J. Murphy, Jr., editor of the Catholic Free Press, at the Second Annual Valley Wheel Press Conference held at Cathedral High School, November 16.

Six members of the *Mirror* staff, accompanied by advisor, Mr. Petrone, attended the day-long conference. Public and parochial high schools from Rhode Island, Connecticut, and Massachusetts were also represented.

Following speeches by Margaret Crocker, Editor-in-chief of the Chronicle; Rt. Rev. Timothy J. Leary, Director of Cathedral High School; and Owen J. Murphy, Jr., Editor of the Catholic Free Press, participants were invited to take part in panel discussions and seminars involving different journalistic problems. These seminars covered such topics as public relations, advertising, and such problems as putting out newspaper with a small staff.

A luncheon was followed by an afternoon of repeating the morning's program to give participants the opportunity to attend those missed in the morning session.

Becky McCave attended the newspaper clinic held in the auditorium by Leslie Polk, news editor of the Wall Street Journal. At this clinic Mr. Polk criticized a copy of each newspaper of the school at the conference. Agawam was commended for the quality of its editorials and criticized for its "Scene and Heard" column and the "Senior Silhouettes."

Other students attending were Sandra Sliva, Kathy Shepard, Karen Dow, and Kathy Mokszin. All agreed that the conference was a useful and informative affair where many new things were learned.

As some would like to make it:
Though whether good, or whether bad,
Depends on how we take it.
— MICHAEL WENTWORTH BECK

Faculty Hoofers Aid In Red Cross Skit

The Red Cross presented an original skit, written by Barbara D'Ainto, to show the purpose of the Red Cross, on December 3 and 4.

The skit included a scene from a regular club meeting, at which the members discussed possible means of raising money and decided to hold a dance.

The highlight of the play was the talented performance of several of the male members of our faculty, including Mr. Feldman, Mr. Mottle, Mr. Dudek, Mr. Suzor, Mr. Petrone, Mr. Ferranti, Mr. Altobelli, and Mr. Chrisanthopoulos.

The skit ended by showing a typical scene in which Red Cross members visited a hospital, bringing the patients gifts which had been bought with the proceeds from the dance.

While several volunteer students circulated throughout the auditorium, collecting donations from the student body, Mr. Sheehan introduced a surprise guest, the honorable Melvin Fink, portrayed by our dignified Mr. Faucette. Melvin had several problems of his own but was more than willing to help the Red Cross in any way possible.

As a result of this unusual and pleasant program, there was a successful collection of $111.21, the largest amount collected by the Red Cross in recent years.

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The Other Christmas

People are once again beginning to feel the excitement that only the Christmas holidays can bring. Downtown the stores are gaily decorated to lure shoppers. Fir and pine trees are starting to appear on corner lots. Children are making out long lists of gifts for Santa to bring them on Christmas morning. With all this gay bustling, could one possibly take time to recall or reflect upon the other aspect of Christmas, the more quiet and serious aspect?

Naturally, Christmas is a time for merriment and joy to be shared with loved ones and friends. Ornamenting trees and decorating windows are a needed touch. However, to realize Christmas inside of you is far more important than showing it with colored ornaments that do not symbolize the true meaning of Christmas.

After packages are happily opened on Christmas morning, how many of us will go to our place of worship with the true feeling of Christmas? When we sit down to a dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, will we say a prayer for those who are less fortunate, such as our servicemen stationed on foreign shores who will not be spending Christmas at home? When we gather around the piano on Christmas day to sing carols, will the words we are saying mean something more to us than just lyrics to a song?

On this coming Christmas day, let us for one moment forget the merriment and laughter, the gifts and ornaments. Let us pause to give thanks in our own way to God for giving us another beautiful Christmas day.

S.J.S.

"Everything But the Shouting"

Now that the football season is over, a lull settles down upon this school (as far as school spirit is concerned). It seems that to go to basketball or hockey games is simply too great an effort to make. During rallies for these two "dull" and "boring" games, no one bothers to yell. After all, they never do anything too tremendous anyway. Of course if someone did show up at a hockey game, the team just might pass out on the ice. We wouldn't want the rink all cluttered up with "bodies." The same goes for the basketball team. Can you imagine what would happen to our basketball team if the entire "football" crowd came out in force to a game? Good grief! Half the team would go into shock. Or — but wait a minute. Why not shock them? It just might be good sport to see a basketball or hockey game. You never can tell about those things.

B.J.W.

Letters to the Greek

Dear Greek:
What is the best system to get to school if you have missed your bus?
Old Legs

Dear Legs:
Swimming is the best way . . . . .

Dear Greek:
My boy friend loves football. I hate football? Whenever we go out, we go to a football game. What should I do about this?
Football Fan

Dear Fan:
Deflate the football. If this is not convenient, bring with you exciting news stories contained in the Roller Derby News, Congressional Record, or the New York Telephone Book.

Dear Greek:
How can I get in contact with a boy at college without looking conspicuous?
Waiting

Dear Waiting:
Telegraph is the best way.

Dear Greek:
How can I prevent my brothers from beating me up?
Black And Blue

Dear Black And Blue:
Divorce them.

Dear Greek:
I think I know who is writing this column. He is a selfish, absurd, and eccentric person. What do you think of that?
Mad

Dear Mad:
I think I know who wrote this letter. I'll meet you at two o'clock in the parking lot . . . . .

SCENE AND HERD

Judy Morrissey — Why the sudden interest in the Boston University? Is it because of a certain boy that goes there?

Senior girls don't seem to be getting enough lunch lately!

Linda Fiasconaro — Was recently a guest of honor at a surprise party, given in the honor of her 16th birthday. Happy 'belated' Birthday.

Ron Young — How did you get the name of fireman?

Gloria Rosso — Hope you enjoy the cheese-cutter machine at Tastee-Freeze!

Barbara Wright—We heard that a boy from Longmeadow came through the gloom of the night by bike, in the rain, by the way of Connecticut, to deliver a message.

Bill Hayes — Hope you have found some volunteers.

Leslie Easter — How come you don't like to go to the city? Is it because of Richie R?

Lynn Gray — Likes to go to the Mercy Hospital to see a certain few people!

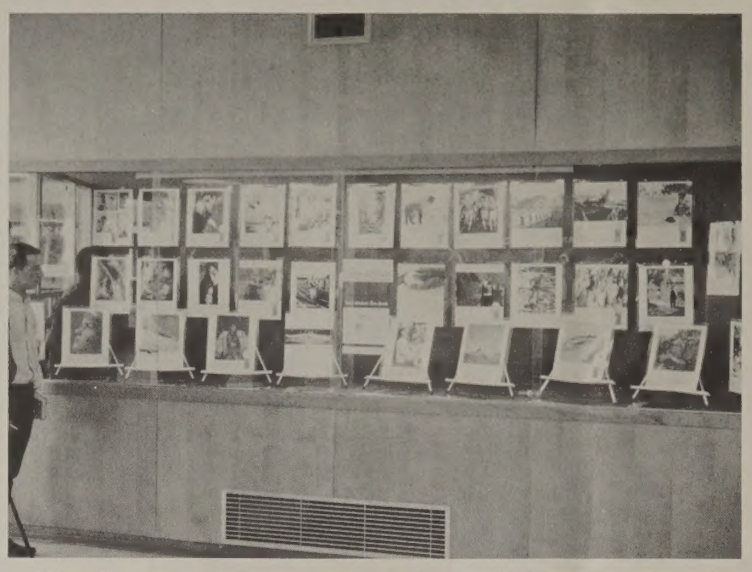
Russ Weber and Russ Ramah — Finally got their chance to act normally on the stage before the Senior Kid party.

Jean and Jane Gallerani—Doesn't Dale ever get you two mixed up?

Roland Benjamin — I bet Santa Claus won't bring you any Crazy Foam for Christmas!

John Connolly — Won an award for his fantastic ballet. Congratulations, John!

Lee Nacewicz—Why the sudden interest in room 49?



The showcase, shown above, contains a display of the Kodak Scholastic Photo Awards. The display was presented by the Camera Club.

CLUB NEWS

Ho, ho, ho! This is the season for Christmas parties and several of the clubs have kept right in tune with the season.

The French Club and the Personality Club had very special Christmas parties and were visited by a jolly old elf with a long white beard and a bag of toys. They played games and had refreshments and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Future Teachers of America and the Future Nurses of America also had Christmas parties, and although Old Saint Nick did not actually drop in personally, gifts were exchanged and fun was had by all.

LATIN CLUB

On December 17, the members of the Latin Club attended a Saturnalia. The Saturnalia was orginally a Roman feast in honor of Saturn and lasted for several days during which great quantities of food and wine were consumed, but the Latin Club's version lasted only one night, from 6:30 to 9:30. It was held at the home of Linda Thomski. Dressed in home-made Roman tagas, everyone feasted on a variety of Roman foods: grapes, dates, nuts, figs, and various drinks. The members of the club also played Roman games and had a delightful evening.

CHEMISTRY CLUB

Would you like to join the Chemistry Club? You may do so if you have either taken chemistry in a previous year or are taking it for the first time this year. Under the supervision of Mr. Ball, their advisor, the members of this newly organized club meet every Wednesday night to try experiments in the chemistry lab and learn much more than is possible in one classroom period. Their aim is to become better acquainted with chemicals and the procedures used when handling them. The officers of this club are: Thomas Ferrick, president; Jerome Jackson, vice-president; Edward Stefanik, treasurer; and Marie Pienkowski, secertary. The dues are $1.

READING CLUB

With Mrs. Mackler as advisor, the brand new Reading Club is off to a great start. The club was organized by a group of students who were interested in reading books for enjoyment and not because they were required to read them. The members select the books they want to read themselves, and, after reading them, discuss them. Anyone interested in joining the Reading Club should get in contact with Mrs. Mackler.

FUTURE NURSES OF AMERICA

Aside from their Christmas party, the Future Nurses Club has had several other activities too. On December 2, the girls in the club toured the Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton. They were given a guided tour of the hospital by student nurses attending there. At the hospital, they also saw a film on the different careers in the nursing field, listened to two speakers, one about the registered nurse and the other about the practical nurse, and received pamphlets listing all of the registered hospitals in Massachusetts. They were given refreshments and returned home.

The Future Nurses Club is also planning a food sale in the near future.

FUTURE TEACHERS OF AMERICA

The Future Teachers Club has also kept a busy schedule. Recently they had two speakers whose topic was "Crossroads Africa," a program in which college students may go to Africa for two months and help with such projects as building schools or dormitories. The students going must borrow the money to finance the trip with the promise to give a series of talks to public groups telling of their experiences while in Africa. The Future Teachers Club served refreshments at the meeting.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CLUB

The IRC held a Southeast Asia night on December 15. They had two speakers, Nguyen Huu Bang of Viet Nam and Wahono Kartodihardjo of Indonesia. The speakers told of their native countries, the social and political conditions there, and the type of lives the people live, giving a general all-round picture of the lands. They put particular emphasis on the youth of their countries. They also gave their reasons for their visit to the United States. After the speakers had finished, there was a question period during which the guests answered any questions members of the club had. Refreshments were served.

RED CROSS

The Red Cross has kept with the spirit this Christmas season. John Stelmach, Nancy Wiley, Mary Tourville, Joyce Thomas, Bernie Bigda, and Clarie Nardi, all representing the Red Cross group from Agawam High School, went to Westover Air Force Base Hospital. There they entertained children in the wards by playing games with the children and awarding prizes to the winners and giving candy to winners and losers alike. John Stelmach delighted all of the children by dressing up as Santa Claus and giving a jolly "Ho, ho, ho!"

GIRLS' SPORTS

After several weeks of practice, freshmen, sophomore, and junior girls interested in cheerleading tried out for the Freshmen and Junior Varsity Cheerleading Squads. The girls were rated according to their skill, ability to complete several difficult jumps, general appearance, voice, personality, and pep.

Miss Hastings and Miss Sikora, who judge those trying out, announced that the following girls had been chosen for Junior Varsity cheering: Janice Bryan, Marsha Dugan, Jane Gallerani, Carol Haynes, Carol Nieroda, Marguerette Truby.

The choices for the freshmen cheerleaders were: Deena Piccin, Sue Tucker, Sue Masi, Diane Liucci, Sharon Baines, Rosemary Scannell.

Camera Club Displays Kodak Exhibit

Award-winning photographs were displayed in the main showcase during the week of November 23.

These photographs won prizes in the Kodak Scholastic Photo Awards, sponsored annually by the Kodak Company.

They were taken last year by students across the nation and submitted to the contest in the form of black and white, colored, or slides.

This year's contest is open to any student in grades nine through twelve. The prizes would be of great assistance to any student, as they are in the form of scholarships totaling $4000. Three Agawam students, John Pranulus, Bruce Provenzano, and James Craig, are planning to enter the 1965 exhibit.

The Camera Club has as its purpose giving hints on taking different kinds of pictures, demonstrating various types of cameras, and explaining the proper technique to use with each.

The meetings are usually held on Tuesdays at 2:00 P.M. in room 40. This year the Camera Club will be kept very busy doing candid shots for *Sachem,* but they still plan a field trip for some time later this year. New members are still welcome. The club is advised by Mr. Pulaski.

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SPANISH CLUB

On December 16 the Spanish Club held its annual Christmas party. Since the purpose of the club is to acquaint its members with the customs of Spanish-speaking countries, as well as to give them an opportunity to get practice in using the language, the party was conducted according to typical Spanish custom. A Mexican chocolate drink was served, as well as small cookies and refreshments common to Mexican or Spanish tradition. The Pinata, a large bull's head made from paper mache and crepe paper, yielded dulces (candy) and small favors, after being broken by one of the members in accordance with another Spanish custom. A person was blindfolded and, with a baseball bat, had to break the pinata which hung from the ceiling. As soon as this was accomplished the contents of the pinata scattered and were quickly gathered up by the members. Miss Moggio, the club advisor, did much in preparation for the party, and a good time was had by all who attended.

BOWLING CLUB

Early in the school year a bowling club was formed under the direction of Miss Sikora and Mr. Gardner. Membership is open to all students at Agawam High School. The club, sanctioned by the American Junior Bowling Congress, is subject to all rules and regulations stated by the A.J.B.C.

The club meets every Tuesday afternoon at 2:15 at the Saxon Wood Lanes, Agawam. Transportation is provided to the alley and, after the meetings, students are accommodated by a bus which takes them home.

Officers of the club are: president, Ken Affleck; vice-president, Brenda Murphy; secretary, Susan Andruss; treasurer, Cindy Bertram.

There are 54 people in eighteen teams of three taking part in the club. All these members are eligible for the following league awards: Emblems for league champion, league high average, league high series, league high game, and most improved average. Certificates are awarded to the last place champions. Many other house awards are available including trophies for scores of

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SENIOR SILHOUETTES

The seniors featured in this issue are (front row, left to right) Linda Barufaldi, Bobbi-Ann Wilson, and Donna Gaunt. In the back row are Russ Ramah and Jack Belovitz.

Linda Barufaldi

Linda Barufaldi, one of the top students in the senior class, is said by her teachers to be "a reliable student and an active school citizen." While her favorite subjects are English, French, and advanced biology, she does find time for many extra-curricular activities. Outside of school, Linda enjoys playing the guitar and skiing.

Linda can usually be found where there is any kind of music. Her participation in past operettas and her leading role in this year's illustrate clearly her enjoyment of music. As for her favorites in that field, Barbara Streisand and Jack Jones top the list of vocalists while Dean Martin's "Everybody Loves Somebody Sometime" rates as her number one song.

While Linda thinks that AHS is "a great place," she does feel that religion should not be excluded from talks in class, especially during the senior year.

Linda's ideal boy is one that is intelligent, has a good sense of humor, wears wild cologne, takes summer jaunts, and as a must, should know the Archduchess of Austria (?).

At the table, Linda enjoys eating tortellini, shrimp cocktail, and veal cutlets. Although Linda does admit to being color-blind to green, it is still her favorite color.

When asked about her senior year, Linda replied, "It's going by faster than all the others. It's scary to think that you are the oldest students in the school and the others all look up to you."

Her future plans are not really definite. She would like to attend Jackson College, majoring possibly in English, but is not really certain as yet.

Donna Gaunt

Known as "Mother" to most of the Drama Club members participating in this year's senior play, *Cheaper by the Dozen,* is Donna Gaunt, pert and active member of the Senior Class.

Lively Donna belongs to a variety of clubs and organizations. Among some of her favorites are the Personality Club, Spanish Club, the AHS Band, and the Drama Club. Having an interest in acting and music, she has participated in chorus productions for the past three years and had one of the leading parts in the Senior Class play this year. She is also a member of the National Honor Society and served as co-chairman of the Kid Party. Donna's interests, however, do not only involve her school life. She is the secretary of the Hampden County Congregational Churches and past Worthy Advisor of The Rainbow Girls.

Currently, Donna is being kept busy holding the position of Editor of Clubs and Organizations for this year's *Sachem.*

Donna's pet peeve is "people who always try to get into the spotlight." Her most enjoyable experience was working at Rockport, Massachusetts, this past summer, where she met a great many enjoyable people and had an unforgettable vacation.

Among her favorites in the music field are singer, Neil Sedaka and the record, "To Know Him Is To Love Him", by the Teddy Bears.

Although Donna says she has had some pretty embarrassing experiences, she says that they are "much too embarrassing to print." One, however, that she did mention was "being called 'Mother' at one of the play rehearsals in front of a boy I have a crush on."

When Donna graduates this spring, she hopes to major in phychology or sociology at the University of Massachusetts.

Bobbie Wilson

Pert and fun-loving Roberta Wilson, better known as Bobbie, is the lively cheerleader who inspires so much spirit at games and pep rallies. If she seems to be enjoying herself when she's cheering our team to victory, it's because her heart is in it, as it is in everything she does.

Her most exciting experiences were the Holyoke game and being chosen for the varsity cheerleading squad, which she managed in both her junior and senior years.

As a sophomore, Bobbie held the office of class vice-president and was a member of the junior varsity cheerleading squad.

Bobbie is well-known for her ability to organize. This year she is the secretary of the Personality Club and a member of the Student Patrol, as well as an active member of the Spanish, French and Future Teachers clubs. She also serves on the library staff.

Her favorite activities outside of school include dancing and swimming.

When asked her opinion of being a senior, she replied, "It's no different. I waited so long for this and it's nothing." But this apparently has had no effect on her spirit. Her friends think of her as sweet, helpful, and possessing an abundance of school spirit.

Bobbie's pet peeve is "egotistical people." When asked her idea of an ideal boy, she stated: "I like someone who's fun to be with, easy to talk to, a good dancer, and nice looking."

Bobbie would like to become a teacher. Upon graduating, she hopes to attend either Bridgewater State or Westfield State College.

Russell Ramah

"Always smiling," "ready with a helping hand," "friendly," that's Russ Ramah, say his friends.

His teachers also hold a high estimation of Russ, even though his favorite class is lunch.

Russ says, "Physics is the hardest subject I have ever taken. It's unbelievable; ruler fights in class!"

Russell is an active participant in school activities. Besides organizing the annual senior "Kid Party," of which he was general chairman. Russell is a member of the Student Patrol and was recently chosen as an alternate to Bob Swanson for "Good Government Day."

Hockey rates as number one in the field of sports, his second interest being baseball.

Russ says of his senior year, "It's perfect."

He puts his pet peeve this way: "I can't stand it when people show off, pretend to be something they aren't."

As for his opinion of an ideal girl, Russ stated, "She must have good looks, lots of personality, and be someone who can be serious but still have a good sense of humor."

For the time being, Russ is satisfied getting good grades, playing hockey, and working on his car. As for the future, he would like to take a liberal arts course at A.I.C.

John Belovitz

Agawam High's "man behind the scenes" is definitely Jack Belovitz, the A.V.A.'s illustrious secretary. Jack is always ready to help organizations, such as the Drama Club or the Red Cross, when they need an able volunteer to work the lights or the sound equipment back stage.

Jack is a remarkably easy-going person who has interests ranging beyond the usual. Building tree houses, swimming, and life guarding at the "Y" pool are among his summer interests. Acting as a real "pro" D.J. at school and class affairs such as the Kid Party has made him well-known and liked. Jack, better known as "legs" in dancing circles, is also a great dancer.

Baked ham with Hi-C in pop-top cans rank first on Jack's list of favorites. He also likes the color blue. The Kingsmen are his favorite recording stars, while his pet peeve is people who tailgate, especially in bad weather. After knowing him a while people realize that "perfect" must be his favorite expression.

Jack's ideal girl is one who is blonde, cute, intelligent, and has a good sense of humor.

He has found his senior year "great so far" and hopes that the fun will continue.

Besides A.V.A., Jack is interested in chemistry, making money, driving around in the car, and going to dances. He does admit that girls are his favorite activity.

If he could make changes in the school, Jack would add a scoreboard to the football field and a soccer team to the fall schedule.

In the future Jack hopes to enter the University of Hartford and major in engineering.

THE MIRACLE OF SAINT PIERRE

In the tiny French village of Saint Pierre
On the sunny slopes of Antoine's hill
Lived an old man with his son
In the valley where time stands still.

The old man with his long white beard
Worked from dawn till late at night
So that his son could someday be
As all the other boys with sight.

His back was bent as the twisted trunk
Of the chestnut tree by the stream
To have his son regain his sight
Was the poor man's only dream.

The other children laughed at them
When they came to the village below
For they made such a funny pair
Wherever they happened to go.

"Blind boy, cripple, why don't you leave?
You're not wanted here," they said
"We have no need of one-eyed boys
And old men with graying heads."

Even the elders taunted them
As they stumbled down the street
The people jeered and laughed at them
As the dogs barked at their feet.

The doctors told the aged man
That his son might someday see
If he could find a job and work
To pay the doctor's mounting fees.

The old man worked carting wood
Up and down the village roads
Never ceasing till the sun had set
Carrying his heavy load.

"Someday, my son, you too will see
The world we live in, light and gay,
You'll laugh and run like other boys
In the sunlight you'll soon play."

"Father I do not care to run and play;
I'd rather stay at home with you
To help you tote your loads of wood
Up the mountainside as you do."

"If only I could see the snowfall
On this holy Christmas Eve
My heart will have known happiness
In darkness I'd be content to live."

Alas, Christmas Eve was nearly upon them
Still the boy could not see
He never would, if was too late now,
All the doctors did agree.

Down below chapel bells were ringing
All was still this Christmas night
In the cabin on the hilltop
The blind boy made a pitiful sight.

In his room he sat forsaken
Never to see the snow come down
While below all was quiet
In the sleeping valley town.

He lay in bed, his world in darkness,
Facing the window he pictured afar
How beautiful the falling snow would be
Falling against the northern star.

All at once he heard sweet music
Floating from the sky above
Praising God's name in the highest
Telling of his mercy and love.

Tremulous voices sweetly ringing
To the melody of the bells
Bid the blind child not to fear them,
To go to the doorway and all would be well.

Obeying the voices he went to the doorway
He stepped out into the falling snow
And followed the voices as they called him
Going where they told him to.

All at once a voice said sweetly,
"Fear not child, I am thy Lord"
Then heavenly multiludes of angels
High above their voices were heard.

"Open thine eyes to the world before thee
Blessed art thou my tiny child"
He looked up to the azure Heaven
And saw a face so tenderly smile.

Then he looked again and from the heavens
Flakes of snow upon him landed
"I can see my God, I can see"
Thus to him his wish was granted.

And so the people tell this story
Of the miracle of Saint Pierre
Whenever newcomers stop at the village
On the hill they stop and stare.

At a shrine at the crest of the hilltop
Where these few words appear
"Trust in God, for he will not forsake you;
Take his path and have no fear."

Sandi Sliva

RISE UP!

When you're down and out, my friend,
And you need to hold someone's hand,
That's when you'll find just how many care,
And who want to see you stand.

When you're losing what you want to win,
And you could if you had a friend,
All you want is a shoulder to cry on,
Someone strong to give strength to your trend.

When you've fought the battle that took your heart,
And drained your spirit away,
It's over and you try again,
To live another day.

But 'till you get on your feet again,
That day will never come,
No one will be near to help you up,
To inspire your power some.

But when you've done it and risen,
With the help of no shoulder or hand,
That's when your "friends" will come running,
Wanting you to show *them* how to stand.

Kathy Shepard

BOWLING CLUB

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175, 200, 225, and 250. There is also the coveted "I beat my coach award."

Members of the club will participate in a tournament over Christmas vacation. On Tuesday, December 29, and Wednesday, December 30.

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AA Conference Crown Is Big Prize As Grid Teams Conclude '64 Season

As the football season comes to an end, Agawam can look back on the great games and spirit the school brought forth which boosted the team's morale to its highest peak in years.

All of the members of the varsity team will soon be seen proudly wearing their championship jackets, gifts of the Gridiron Moms. Also, the trophy emblematic of the championship team is being prepared.

The varsity completed the season with a 7–1 overall record and the AA conference title. The Brownies, who were unstoppable on the gridiron, won all their conference games with a display of spirit and teamwork that is a trademark of a top-rate football squad.

The coaches, Mr. Leonardi, Mr. Kibbe, Mr. Bruno, expressed pleasure with the work as well as the tremendous support of students, faculty, and administration.

The breath-taking victory over Holyoke gave Agawam the lead, and clinching the title winning over arch-rival West Springfield.

The Junior Varsity concluded its season with four wins and four loses, all of which were hard fought. The record is not fully indicative of the abundance of talent on the team.

The freshmen eleven also had a good year with a record of 4–1–1. The team was prepared and met each challenge with the winning spirit. The team worked well with Mr. Janiszewski who emphasized the advantages of coordinated teamwork and good sportsmanship.

Brownie Skaters Down Commerce, 7-1; Arnold Registers Hat Trick

A hustling Agawam High School hockey team defeated Commerce High 7–1 to gain a win in their Fay Division opener.

The Brownie offense completely dominated the newly formed Commerce squad and out-shot their opponent by 44 shots to 10. Franny Arnold led the scorers with a three goal "hat trick," as Alex Stahovich added two goals, and Brian Rosso and Jay Amoral each hit the nets once. Roger St. Pierre also gained three points by assisting on three goals.

The defensive units, led by Ed Nacewitz, Mike Natale, Louie Chicklas, and Jim Silvestrini, played a tight game especially in the back-checking department in containing what offense the Raiders could muster.

This has been the first opening game victory for Agawam in many years, and has increased the optimism of Coach Fassnacht for a successful season.

Mr. Fassnacht has had to play many untested players but feels that if they learn their positions quickly and give that needed extra effort, the squad could be a threat in the Fay Division. In this newly organized league the Brownies have to play Chicopee Comp, Commerce, Holyoke, and Palmer each three times, while meeting Trade, Classical, Pittsfield, Longmeadow, and East Longmeadow once. Chicopee Comp has been termed the team to beat in the Fay Division, judging by their strong showing so far.

This year's team has more depth than last year's squad. Coach Fassnacht will be playing two balanced lines of Franny Arnold, Roger St. Pierre, and Alex Stahovich, and a second line of Rich Guistina, Ronnie Provost, and Jay Amoral. The defense which should be the strong point of this year's team has big men in Ed Nacewicz, Mike Natale, Jim Silvestrini, and Louie Chicklas.

There is a healthy goalie situation with experienced Larry Scherpa and new-comer Rick Tonnelli fighting for the starting nod at that position. To complement these men, Mr. Fassnacht has injured Dennis Hebert and Russell Ramah who will be able to return to action soon and a fine reserve in Paul Cimma, Dave White, John Ramah, and Brian Rosso.

Xmas Project Completed By Art Department

The Agawam High School Art Department, under the direction of Miss Geraldine Schilling, has completed its annual Christmas projects. The art students have painted the scene on the windows of the teachers' cafeteria, have decorated the display cases in the main lobby gay with holiday motif, and have painted a Christmas scene on the windows of the art room and the library.

The students also made small clowns for the Agawam Lions Club to give out at their annual Childrens' Christmas Party. The clowns are made of paper cups, baking cups, and styrofoam balls.

The tableau on the windows of the teachers' cafeteria depicts the Christ child being worshipped by two shepherd children and an angel. The picture was designed and painted by Robert Osolinski, a junior, and is the major art project. The windows will be floodlighted nightly.

A warning about the lobby showcases: Don't expect the usual colors of the season. Black, pink, green, purple, and blue dominate the scene.

The window in the art room was designed by Susan LaPlante. Ruth Harrington was in charge of decorating the library.

Frosh Court Team Named By Mr. Sheehan

Mr. Sheehan, freshman basketball coach, has announced the names of the players chosen to represent the team. The season will open with Agawam playing Holyoke Catholic on December 15. Mr. Sheehan is looking forward to a successful season because he feels that there is great potential ability in this year's frosh team. The team will play sixteen games.

David Brayton, Joe Corgan, Al Mercadante, Bob DeFilipi, and Paul Veronesi are the five starters.

Brayton should be one of the best rebounders in the league; Corgan should prove to be a very good shooter; and Mercadante's aggressiveness could win many of the ball games for the team, according to Mr. Sheehan. He hopes that DeFilipi's speed and Veronesi's coolness will spark the back court.

A secret weapon in the form of 4'6" Al Ceccarini will be a surprise to many of the opposing teams. Al is short but handles a basketball as well as anyone else. He has a great competitive spirit and should bolster the team's spirit. The other members of the team are Bob Drewnowski, Gerald Alfano, Gerald Pohner, Greg Lockhart, Dan Labbe, Fran Bouley, and Dan Affsa. Mr. Sheehan stated that these players will be heard of before the season is over.

This team should perform well, but desire, aggressiveness, and teamwork will be the answer to whether the team will be successful.

Pat Collins will serve as the freshman manager.

"I"

To be an individual is to be completely oneself. Therefore I am going to express myself as I see myself not as others do. I shall look at myself as one would look into a mirror, and reflect upon what I see.

To begin with, I have lived in the same town nearly all my life. The town has grown up around me, and I too have grown up with the town. Now, having reached maturity, the time has come for me to leave my town for a new life — college.

Ideals must go with me as I leave my protective covert and embark upon a world of cold reality and confusion. Since then, I have grown up not only mentally and physically, but spirtually as well. This I shall use as my weapon against evil. My individualism is with me.

Independence is important. It will help me face a world of cold reality. With reality will come responsibility. I shudder to think of all the problems I must face. But then again, I know in life one cannot hide behind the corners, because there aren't any. There is just openness. I must learn to stand alone and express myself. To do it I need to understand.

College life is somewhat protective, for I will have friends and teachers and God to turn to. However, I alone must maintain my standing in college. Competition will always be slapping me in the face. I must do well in college not only for myself, but for my parents as well and for all those who look up to me. It's "do or die" in college; this much I know. I prefer to "do."

I am ready to work hard, study hard, and play hard. I am fully responsible for myself. I a : only for the chance.

Kit Sullivan

Members of the varsity basketball team are pictured above at the Basketball-Hockey rally.

BASKETBALL SEASON IS UNDERWAY; COACH KIBBE LOOKS TO VETERANS

Veterans San Provo, Bill Polopek, and Bill Turgeon hold the key to a successful basketball season which began unofficially with the participation of Agawam in the Field House Jamboree on December 4 against a strong Trade team. Agawam came from behind to win 39–26, providing the surprise of the evening.

The regular season will begin December 15, when Agawam plays at East Longmeadow.

Mr. Kibbe, the coach of the varsity team, will also depend upon returnees Bob Leger, Dennis McGrevy, John Connolly, and Ricky Progulske, and new additions to the varsity, David Wright, Wayne Kerez, and Robert Mosher.

Now in his third year of coaching, Mr. Kibbe stresses hard work and ability as the key requirements for any basketball team. Included in the hard work are good condition, exercise, and studying the enemies' offense.

Mr. Kibbe is looking forward to the improvement of Sam Provo, a Junior, who finished last season as one of the top scorers in Western Massachusetts with an average of 16 points per game.

Mr. Lyons, the junior varsity coach, is also counting on a good team effort. William Eggleston, Mike Wilson, and Tom DeFilipi make up the nucleus of this year's junior varsity team. Other members of the team include Paul Faits, Larry Roy, Warren Roberts, David Locke, Donald Creamer, Steve Blackburn, Mike Maslanka, and Gary Cahill.

With both teams working very hard, Mr. Kibbe and Mr. Lyon hope for a successful season and stress the importance of a good student-body turnout in support of the teams during the season.

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